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RBAC ACTIVITIES AND ROLE ENGINEERING PROCESS PRESENTED AT SEPTEMBER HL7 MEETING

RBAC activities were presented at the September 7-12, 2003 HL7 Working Group Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee. Amy Page and Dawn Bollmann of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Health Information Architecture (HIA) office presented a status update that included the latest RBAC Task Force activities amongst the VHA/Indian Health Service (IHS), Department of Defense (DoD) and Kaiser Permanente (KP) RBAC Task Forces. The RBAC role-engineering website and its capabilities were also described, as well as a step-by-step modeled example using an HL7 Lab Frequency Order storyboard. Amy and Dawn presented at a joint meeting with the Personnel Management Technical Committee and the Security & Accountability Special Interest Group, as well as to the Control/Query Technical Committee. Additionally, a brief status update was provided at the Government Projects Special Interest Group where VHA, DoD, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) were among the represented government agencies. An informal discussion also occurred with a co-chair of the Orders/Observations TC. Various committee members expressed interest, understanding and enthusiasm about the role engineering process and the progress of the RBAC Task Forces.

OCTOBER KAISER PERMANENTE RBAC TASK FORCE KICK-OFF MEETING

Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) Task Force (TF) representatives will meet with the Kaiser Permanente (KP) representatives for the KP RBAC TF kickoff meeting in early October 2003. Dr. Ted Cooper of KP Clinical Operations, will be hosting the meeting in Oakland, CA. Materials that were presented at both the VHA/IHS and DoD RBAC TF kick-off meetings will also be presented at the KP RBAC TF kick-off meeting. The RBAC Role Engineering Process will be presented and demonstrated using an HL7 storyboard and/or VHA scenarios as input. The role engineering website will also be presented.

VHA ENHANCES THE RBAC WEBSITE

The RBAC website has recently been enhanced in response to suggestions provided by various RBAC Task Force members. Those revisions are currently being tested. The website will be used as a role engineering data repository, to automatically derive permissions, a RBAC document repository, and a bulletin board to replace the broadcast of this newsletter. The RBAC website will be password protected. The password will be provided to task force members when the website is completed.

VHA MAKES PROGRESS ON STORYBOARDS

Since the initial VHA RBAC Task Force Kickoff Meeting, the Task Force has further updated and modeled the following healthcare scenarios:

- Lab Frequency Order (an HL7 Orders/Observations storyboard)
- Outpatient Clinic Secretary in Primary Care Outpatient Encounter

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- Outpatient Triage in Primary Care Outpatient Encounter
- Outpatient Physician in Primary Care Outpatient Encounter
- Primary Care Scenario with Physician Provider as Actor
- Comprehensive Institutional Pharmacy Scenario (based on an HL7 storyboard)

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